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## CHS Cabinet Secretary John Morse Leaving CHS

Secretary John Morse of the Cabinet for Health Services will soon be leaving CHS, Gov. Paul Patton announced at a press conference Aug. 20. Morse has accepted a position as a Senior Fellow at the University of Louisville School of Medicine.

One of the original members of Gov. Patton's Executive Cabinet, Morse has seen many changes during his service, including the split of the former Cabinet for Human Resources into the Cabinets for Health Services and Families and Children.

**"I am proud of what we have been able to accomplish in helping the people of Kentucky meet their health care needs," he said. "We have initiated many changes which will help evolve a health care system that will better serve the people."**



*CHS Secretary, John Morse*

Morse was instrumental in implementing the Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program, KCHIP, and the managed care partnership program for Medicaid recipients. He has also helped redefine the role of local health departments in Kentucky's statewide health care delivery system.

During his tenure, Morse has also helped further CHS's efforts to develop policies and programs for increasing community-based services for people with mental retardation, people with disabilities, and the elderly.

Before becoming cabinet secretary, Morse was a health care executive for 24 years. He's a graduate of the United States Naval Academy and holds a master's degree in business from the Wharton School.

## Bengals and CFC Team Up Again

The Cincinnati Bengals and the Cabinet for Families and Children are teaming up for the third year to promote responsible fatherhood.

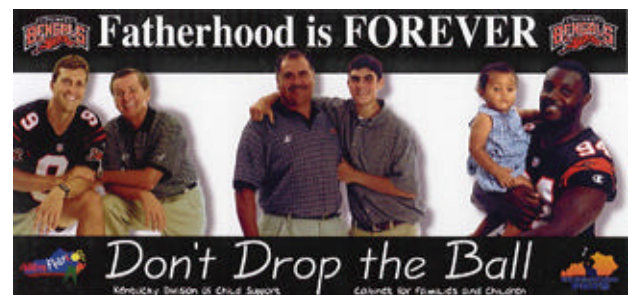
The Bengals first became part of the CFC team in 1997, and the Bengals and CFC's Division of Child Support are now in the midst of their third campaign to promote the importance of fathers' involvement and support in their children's lives.

A theme from the 1997 campaign, "Fatherhood ... Don't Drop the Ball," was continued in 1998 and again this year. This year's campaign also has a new theme, "Fatherhood is Forever." Featuring Bengal Jevon Langford and his two-year old daughter; Bengal Doug Pelfrey and his father, and retired Bengal Max Montoyia and his teenage son, the 1999 campaign is a picture of the generations of fatherhood.

The featured fathers and children will be on billboards in more than 20 locations across the state this fall. Also, the Division of Child Support is purchasing air-time for two commercials promoting responsible fatherhood and featuring the Bengals.

"We are extremely grateful to the Cincinnati Bengals for their help," said Steve Veno, director of the Division of Child Support. "Professional athletes are a tremendous influence on young men, and the Bengals' popularity in Central Kentucky provides a great opportunity."

The Bengals' established their summer training camp on the campus of Georgetown College, between Frankfort and Lexington, in 1997.



*Child Support's billboard features Cincinnati Bengals as symbols of fatherhood. Left to right are Doug and Bill Pelfrey, Max and Matt Montoyia (Max is a retired Bengal), and Devon and Jevon Langford.*

## KECU May Leave Human Resources Complex

The Kentucky Employees Credit Union's new facility, now under construction at the corner of Glenn's Creek Road and the East-West Connector, is expected to open for business in November.



*The Kentucky Employees Credit Union may leave the Human Resources Building when their new facility, opens in early November. Shown above, construction is the new site on the East-West Connector is nearly complete.*

KECU is currently located in the Human Resources Building on the fifth floor, where credit union officials planned to maintain a small branch office after moving to the new facility. Those plans may change if KECU cannot work out an agreement with the Finance and Administration Cabinet, Larry W. Moore, chair of KECU's board, and John A. Graham, KECU president, wrote in a letter to staff in the Human Resources complex.

"In seeking a long-term (lease) commitment from the state, we have been advised by the Finance and Administration Cabinet that upon completion of our new facility, we may no longer be permitted to maintain an office within the CHR Complex," Moore and Graham wrote.

They added that KECU is exploring alternative ways to continue to provide easily-accessible services to members in the complex after the new facility opens in early November.

**Pipeline**, a weekly newsletter for employees of the Cabinets for Families and Children and Health Services, welcomes reader comments and contributions. Items for *Pipeline* are due by 4:30 p.m. Tuesday; items for intercom announcements are due by 4:30 p.m. Monday. Call (502) 564-6786 or send information to Patricia Boler at [Patricia.Boler@mail.state.ky.us](mailto:Patricia.Boler@mail.state.ky.us)

## Division of Child Support Fills Key Positions

Appointments to three key positions in the Division of Child Support were announced by Division Director Steve Veno. The appointments are effective Sept. 1.

**Jan Bean** was appointed assistant director of the division. She has worked in the director's office for the past five years, and has over 22 years experience in child support, including extensive knowledge in field operations, Veno said. Bean received a bachelor's degree in social work from Morehead State University.

**Glenda Martin** was appointed branch manager of the division's program support branch. Currently supervisor of the state parent locator section, Martin also has 22 years experience in child support. She has a bachelor's degree from Western Kentucky University.

**Kathy Adams** has been appointed supervisor of the division's technical services section. She has been with the division for three years, and currently serves as the public awareness coordinator. Adams had extensive background knowledge in policy development and administrative regulatory writing prior to joining Child Support, Veno said. She has a bachelor's degree from Western Kentucky University.

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## Water Conservation is Urged; Burning is Banned

This summer's drought means most Kentuckians have been requested to conserve water. The Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet is asking all state agencies to set an example in water conservation by doing the following:

- Check all restrooms for leaks and fix them.
- Consider not watering grass at all. Water lawns and landscape plantings early or late in the day and only once a week. **Do not** water lawns in communities under an alert or a critical water shortage.
- Do not use water hoses to clean walkways and parking lots, and do not pressure wash buildings and walkways.
- Serve water in state park restaurants only when requested.
- Postpone any elective large water uses until significant rains have occurred.

Outdoor burning bans have been issued for 104 counties where warm temperatures and winds have created dry conditions. Bans will remain in place at the discretion of each county, but the Kentucky Division of Forestry advises all counties to keep the bans in place until conditions improve. Several inches of slow, soaking rainfall are needed to decrease the fire danger.

# Business is Booming at the CHS State Fair Health Fair

By Eva Smith-Carroll, CHS Communications

The Cabinet for Health Services exhibit has been a popular attraction at the 1999 Kentucky State Fair and thousands of people have visited every day. To illustrate the volume of traffic – it was estimated that 100,000 people came to the fair on Saturday, Aug. 21 – and many of those folks came to the CHS area.

Volunteers at the CHS exhibit are working very hard. Shift leaders Pete Metts and Carol Forbes and all the volunteers deserve a hero's welcome upon their return to the office.

The lines have been especially long for body composition analysis and for 5 A Day face-painting.

Body composition provides the participant with an in-depth analysis of his or her current body composition status including body fat, lean body mass, and body water. Participants complete a short questionnaire and participate in a 10-minute counseling session.

Children who have their faces painted are encouraged to eat five fruits and vegetables a day. They can learn more about nutrition at the food pyramid and the high-fat food display.



*Marty Kokes saw a familiar face at the Kentucky State Fair - and she painted it. Kokes, an occupational therapist, was working at the face-painting table in the CHS exhibit area. JB Cornette, right, was her patient at Kosair Children's Hospital. Kokes now works at the Commission for Children with Special Health Needs.*

Business has also been brisk at the other tables in the CHS area, including the Fight Bac game that teaches the importance of hygiene, the life-size fiberglass cow at the milk safety table, and the "Professor Helmet on Helmets" video. Young fair-goers are especially fascinated with the skull and brain helmets on display.

There are several areas of interest to parents, including a baby bed display illustrating crib safety issues, a display about the benefits of folic acid for mothers-to-be, and displays on the

hazards of lead paint. Birth certificate order forms are available at the Vital Statistics table.

Hearing tests for infants were offered one day, visitors can take a mental stress test at the Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services table, and a wide range of information is available for senior citizens and their families at the Office of Aging Services table. Teen-agers and their parents can pick up posters and brochures with teen abstinence information.

If you haven't visited the CHS exhibit, you'd better hurry. The Kentucky State Fair closes Aug. 29 at 9 p.m.

## CHS Names State Registrar, Interim Inspector General

By Gil Lawson, CHS Communications

Sandra Davis has been appointed the state registrar and will head the vital statistics branch in the Cabinet for Health Services. Zach Ramsey, an attorney for CHS, is serving in an interim position as inspector general.

Davis has worked in vital statistics since 1989 and was previously a quality assurance representative for 40 Eastern Kentucky counties. She replaces Barbara White, who retired July 31 after 27 years in vital statistics. White had served as registrar since 1993.

The vital statistics branch collects, preserves and protects all certificates of birth, death, marriages and divorces for all Kentuckians. It also provides certified copies of these certificates when requested. The information collected by the branch provides data for public health use, such as monitoring infant deaths and planning the control of communicable diseases.

Ramsey has worked as an attorney for the CHS since 1995 and was in private practice before joining the cabinet. The Office of Inspector General inspects and licenses health care facilities and day care centers, investigates fraud and conducts audits.

Tim Veno resigned as inspector general at the end of July.

## Retiring

Best wishes to **Pete Metts** of CFC's Office of Technology Services, **Jill Day** of Workforce Development, **Jane Wilson** of CHS's Office of Program Support and **Maggie Phillips** of CFC's Operation Support Branch. All are retiring the end of August.

A reception will be held for Jane Wilson, Aug. 27, 2 – 3:30 p.m., in the Health Services boardroom. A Sept. 3 reception is planned for Jill Day, 1 – 4 p.m., at 1219 Equestrian Way in Frankfort.



# Stand Up and Be Counted: Census 2000 is Coming

The Complete Count Committee has been established to assure that next year's federal census, Census 2000, is as accurate and complete as possible in Kentucky.

There are several reasons it's important for all Kentuckians to be counted, including federal funds that are based on population.

The Governor's Liaisons for Census 2000 are available to speak at large group meetings. For more information, contact Beverly Daly or Ron Crouch at the University of Louisville's Kentucky State Data Center, Kentucky Population Research, (502)852-7990.

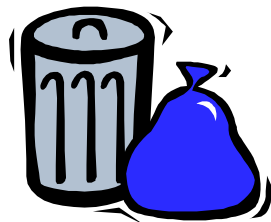
## Signs of the 90's

- You tried to enter your password on the microwave.
- You haven't played solitaire with a real deck of cards in years.
- You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of three.
- You e-mail your son in his room to tell him that dinner is ready, and he e-mails you back "What's for dinner?"
- Your daughter sells Girl Scout cookies from her web site.
- You chat several times a day with a stranger from South Africa, but haven't spoken to your next door neighbor.
- Your daughter just bought a CD of all the records your college roommate used to play.
- You check your blow dryer to see if it's Y2K compliant.
- You use your cell-phone to see if anyone is home as you pull into your own driveway.

## Building Security Update

Information needed for employee's electronic ID cards is being compiled and is due to be submitted to the Kentucky State Police Aug. 27. KSP will then order the needed materials and coordinate the electronic ID system, including taking employee photographs.

Another important part of security measures underway is a major building cleanup scheduled for the week of Sept. 20-24. Dumpsters will be provided, and you are asked to dispose of any trash that has been accumulating in your work area. If there is furniture and equipment that you are not using, there will be staff on hand that week to help you place it into surplus. Get a head start by archiving old records now.



## Helpful Web Sites



Something new will be added to these *Helpful Web Sites* each week. Remember to "bookmark" the ones you will want to refer to often. If you've found a helpful site you would like to share in this column, e-mail it to <mailto:margaret.harney@mail.state.ky.us>

### *Personnel/Benefits*

<http://www.state.ky.us/agencies/personnel/pershome.htm> – a calendar of year 2000 health insurance benefit fairs to be held in September

### *Consumer Information*

<http://www.doi.state.ky.us/ConsumerTips/Index.stm> – Department of Insurance consumer tips page, includes rate comparisons, complaint form

### *Health and Human Services*

<http://www.medicare.gov> – the U.S. government site on Medicare

<http://www.ncoa.org> – National Council on Aging, includes health and consumer info

<http://welfareinfo.org> – the Welfare Information Network, info on policies, programs, funding, stats and more

<http://www.os.dhhs.gov> – U.S. Department for Health and Human Services

### *News*

<http://stateline.org/index.cfm> – government-related issues in the news from every state

[http://cfc-chs.chr.state.ky.us/media\\_releases/media.htm](http://cfc-chs.chr.state.ky.us/media_releases/media.htm): media releases from communications staff of CFC and CHS

<http://ajr.newslink.org/news.html> -- find newspapers all over the world)

<http://www.kentuckyconnect.com/heraldleader/> -- Lexington Herald-Leader

<http://www.courier-journal.com/> -- Louisville Courier-Journal

<http://www.usatoday.com/> -- USA Today

### *Phone and Resource Directories*

[http://www.kde.state.ky.us/comm/pubinfo/kentucky\\_schools\\_directory](http://www.kde.state.ky.us/comm/pubinfo/kentucky_schools_directory) – Kentucky schools' directory

<http://www.state.ky.us/directory/dirindex.htm> - an updated phone directory for all state government employees



## KECC Events Scheduled

Clowns, music, carnival-style food, prizes, and fun and games are coming to the Human Resources Building Aug. 31.

The Cabinet for Families and Children and Workforce Development employees working in the Human Resources Building are sponsoring a carnival to kick-off their 1999 Kentucky Employees Charitable Campaign.

It will be held on the building's back lawn, 11 a.m.–1 p.m., or in case of rain, will be move into the cafeteria. Food for the event is provided by the Human Resources Building's cafeteria and will benefit KECC.

The band Mama Said will provide musical entertainment. There will also be a pie toss, featuring David Boswell of Community Based Services as the recipient of a pie in the face, a cake walk, golf game, fortune teller and more.

The Follies Talent Showcase, which will also benefit KECC, is set for Sept. 14 at 11 a.m. in the Health Services Building auditorium. To volunteer your talent, call Bonnie Cox at (502) 564-5028.

## Deferred Comp Expo September Schedule

Deferred Compensation's Investment Education Expo schedule for September is:

**Hopkinsville** – Sept. 14, Holiday Inn, 2910 Fort Campbell Blvd., Bluegrass room

**Bowling Green** – Sept. 15, University Plaza Hotel, 1021 Wilkinson Trace, Salons A and B

**Elizabethtown** – Sept. 16, Hardin Memorial Hospital, 913 N. Dixie Ave, 5<sup>th</sup> floor conference room A

**Frankfort** – Sept. 23, Health Services Building Auditorium – for employees in the Human Resources Complex and Public Health Building

Sessions will be held at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at each location.

For more information, call 1-800-542-2667, or see page two of the July 30 issue of Pipeline at <http://cfc-chs.chr.state.ky.us/pipeline/1999/0730/pipeline.doc>.



## Central Office Notes and Activities

- Visit the Cabinet for Health Services at the **Kentucky State Fair, Aug. 19-29**, at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center in Louisville.
- **CFC/Workforce Kick-off Carnival** – Aug. 31, a joint effort of all staff in the Human Resources Building – food, games, clowns, music, prizes, informational booths with participating charities, and more.
- **Labor Day**, a paid holiday, is **Sept. 6**.
- The registration deadline for the “Kids Are Worth It” **child abuse prevention conference** is Sept. 1. It will be held Sept. 13-15 at the Executive West Hotel, Louisville. Continuing education units will be available. For more information, or to register, contact Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky, (606) 225-8879.
- **Follies Talent Showcase** – Sept. 14, 11 a.m., Health Services Building – sponsored by CFC.
- The **Red Cross Bloodmobile** will return to the auditorium of the Health Services Building **Sept. 27-28**, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Appointments will be scheduled by division recruiters. CHS employees can also schedule through **Dora Kerns at (502)564-2772 ext. 126**, and CFC employees can schedule through **Charlene Nation at (502)564-7770**. For more information, call or e-mail Kerns or Nation.
- **Network – Women in State Government** meets the fourth Wednesday of each month, 11:30 a.m., at Columbia Steak House, Frankfort. For more information, contact Barbara Pulliam, president, at (502)564-7863.
- The Women's **Health Conference**, sponsored by the University of Kentucky, will be held Oct. 4-5 in Lexington. Contact Janet Braun, (606)257-5037, for more information.
- Nominations for **CFC Employees of the Month** are due by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. For more information, or to submit a nomination, contact Charlene Nation of the Employee Services Branch, CHR-5, phone 564-7770. She will also accept nominations sent by e-mail.
- The **aerobics program** meets every Tuesday and Thursday at 5 p.m. in the cafeteria. Call Beth Bates at 564-4150 for more information.